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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSPORTING STOLEN PROPERTY FROM WYANDOTTE COUNTY FAIR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Kan., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to transporting a stolen safe and a pick-up truck from the Wyandotte County Fair.

Lafayette L. Brown, 47, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to interstate transportation of stolen property.

According to Graves, **Brown** transported a metal safe containing approximately \$18,803 and a 1991 Ford pick-up truck, both owned by the Wyandotte County Fair Association, across the state line from Kansas to Missouri between July 31 and Aug. 1, 2002. **Brown** knew the safe and truck were stolen, Graves said.

Under federal statutes, **Brown** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo, Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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